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SUBJECT: CYPRUS ON 31ST GA AGENDA

1. UK MISOFF TOLD US LAST WEEK UK MISSION RECOMMENDED TO FCO THAT IF REQUEST IS MADE IN THE GENERAL COMMITTEE TO ALLOCATE CYPRUS ITEM TO THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC) THAT THE UK MISSION BE INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT MOTION. UK SUPPORT WOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON US AND FRG SUPPORT AS WELL. WITH TURKEY AS MEMBER OF GENERAL COMMITTEE THIS YEAR, IT IS SAFE ASSUMPTION THAT MOTION WILL BE MADE TO REFER ITEM TO SPC. UK BELIEVES IT CAN DEFEND ITS POSITION ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE URGENCY OF 1974 WHEN ITEM WAS FIRST INSCRIBED ON GA AGENDA NO LONGER EXISTS. IN THIS REGARD IT CAN BE FURTHER ARGUED THAT CYPRUS GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE CAN STILL ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DURING GENERAL DEBATE AS HEAD OF THE CYPRUS DELEGATION.

2. GENERAL COMMITTEE VOTING ON A PROPOSAL THAT CYPRUS BE ALLOCATED TO THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE COULD PICK UP REASONABLE NUMBER OF VOTES. IN FAVOR OF ALLOCATION TO SPC WOULD BE TURKEY, IRAN, YEMEN, SUDAN WITH POSSIBLE SUPPORT FROM UK, FRG AND AUSTRALIA. UK MISSION INDICATED PRELIMINARY ATTITUDES OF AUSTRALIAN AND FRG MISSIONS WERE TO SUPPORT DEFERRAL.

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3. WHILE CYPRUS AND GREECE TO A LESSER DEGREE COULD BE

EXPECTED TO BE DISAPPOINTED IF THE US SUPPORTED THE REFERRAL PROPOSAL, IT DOES HAVE THE ADVANTAGES OF EXPEDIENCY, I.E. REFERRING THIS ITEM TO WHERE IT MORE PROPERLY BELONGS AND REDUCING THE LEVEL OF CONTENTION -- BY AVOIDING THE PROBLEM OF DENKTASH'S DEMANDING TO ADDRESS THE GA PLENARY AND BY LIMITING THE AIRING OF THE PROBLEM TO ONE FORUM. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AND VOTING INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD THE REFERRAL PROPOSAL EMERGE IN THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AS IS LIKELY.

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